

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$25,820		\$27,270	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$25,820</b>		<b>\$27,270</b>	

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

LB 371 creates the Nebraska Council for Educational Success consisting of twenty-one members. The Council is to: facilitate and strengthen collaboration of public funded programs from early childhood through postsecondary education; identify a process to measure the progress of implementing a strategic plan for education in the state; and, make recommendations regarding a more coordinated, integrated, seamless education system.

The Council is to meet at least once each quarter and members are eligible for the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses. The State Department of Education (NDE), with support of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, is to provide administrative support, equipment, a website, and office space. Postsecondary institutions and state agencies may be asked to provide data. The Council may establish committees, apply for grants, and accept gifts, grants and donations to assist in carrying out its duties.

Background: There has been an informal P-16 initiative which has been operating in the past. The initiative has been funded by the University of Nebraska (\$100,000 general funds), NDE (\$50,000 of federal or general funds), and a private entity (\$50,000 of private funding as needed). The University also has reallocated funding as needed to support the P-16 group. The P-16 initiative is currently staffed by 1.5 FTE at the University of Nebraska. It is assumed the P-16 initiative will be replaced with the Nebraska Council for Educational Success.

NDE Expenses: LB 371 requires NDE to provide the administrative support for the newly established council. The department projects the need for 1.0 Administrator and a 1.0 Administrative Assistant for the council. This fiscal note assumes a full-time Administrator and .5 administrative assistant based upon four meetings per year. Estimated staff and related general fund operating expenses will be \$166,940 in FY16 and \$158,390 in FY17.

The council members are eligible for the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses. Assuming ten members of the council apply for reimbursement at an estimated cost of \$222 per meeting the estimated annual general fund expense for council member expenses will be \$8,880 (10 members x average \$222 per meeting x 4 meetings).

NDE has provided \$50,000 of funding on an annual basis for P-16, so it is assumed the net fiscal impact of the bill for the department will be an increase of \$125,820 in FY16 and \$127,270 in FY17 to provide the administrative support and staff for the council.

University of Nebraska Expenses: The University of Nebraska currently receives an annual general fund appropriation of \$100,000 for staffing and administration of the P-16 initiative. It is assumed these funds will no longer be needed for this purpose at the University, so the appropriation can be eliminated. It is assumed the University can handle any other activities or data requests made by the Council with existing staff and resources.

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, State Colleges, and Community Colleges: It is assumed these postsecondary entities can handle any responsibilities and activities pursuant to the bill with existing staff and resources.

Revenue: It is possible that funding may be provided by a private organization as has been done in the past. However, the amount of revenue is unknown.

Net Fiscal Impact: The net fiscal impact of the bill is \$25,820 in FY16 and \$27,270 in FY17, assuming NDE continues the funding currently provided for the P-16 initiative and the University of Nebraska general fund appropriation is reduced by \$100,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB:371	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. University of Nebraska	
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COMMENTS: Concur			

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 371**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> University of Nebraska

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 371 places the President and the Executive Director of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute on the Council, but does not provide additional responsibilities on the University beyond participation. There is not fiscal impact.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 371**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska Community College Association

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 371**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska Department of Education

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	208,725		201,043	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>208,725</b>		<b>201,043</b>	

**Explanation of Estimate:** The bill appears to put into statute to carry out some of the work that has previously been done by various constitutional and statutorily created executive branch initiatives related to P-16. The council has 18 members, many of them who are already state officials in the executive branch, but a few who are from private organizations or political subdivisions. The bill requires the council to meet at least quarterly during a year, which all meetings are governed by the Open Meetings Act and all records being public records subject to the current public records statutes of Nebraska. NDE is required to provide administrative support, web site, and office space for the council. The administrative support for the council will require a new position at NDE and a support staff to assist in carrying out the work of the council.

The bill provides that members of the council will be entitled to reimbursement of expenses. NDE guidelines indicate \$222 per person for expenses for any advisory committees, which would equate to a cost of \$3,996 for each meeting on the council and since the council is required to meet at least four times per year, the annual costs for the council would be approximately \$16,000. It should be noted that since many members are already state officials who already have a process to have expenses of their employment be reimbursed so the cost of council meetings may be significantly less.

NDE calculated the coordination and leadership to the work of the Education Success Council and would include one Administrator level position along with a support staff to conduct the work of the council. The cost estimates for these positions including salaries and benefits would be estimated at \$192,725.

Past funding for the P-16 initiative involved shared funds from various sources. The NDE historically provided \$50,000 in general funds in addition to support and participation on different initiatives or goals.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Administrator	1	1	70,041	71,723
Administrative Assistant	1	1	33,122	33,917
Benefits.....			57,457	58,836
Operating.....			27,125	27,372
Travel.....			8,980	9,195
Capital outlay.....			12,000	0
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>208,725</b>	<b>201,043</b>

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 371**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska State College System (NSCS)

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>No Impact</u>	_____	<u>No Impact</u>	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

LB371 creates the Nebraska Council for Educational Success, of which the Chancellor of the Nebraska State College System is a member. The NSCS does not anticipate any fiscal impact from this participation.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....			_____	_____
Operating.....			_____	_____
Travel.....			_____	_____
Capital outlay.....			_____	_____
Aid.....			_____	_____
Capital improvements.....			_____	_____
TOTAL.....			_____	_____